WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION AGENDA & RECORD

## April 12, 2022

Zoom Meeting Meeting Minutes Recorded: Emily Mitchell

Presenter/	A	Kara Dalarta	
Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
8:30 AM	1. Call to Order	<ul> <li>Members Present: Chair, Roger Walsh, Jan Allman, Bruce Neeb, and Korin Doering</li> <li>Others Present: Bobbi Winebar, Sara deBruijn, Jessica Terrien, Cheryl Housley, Gina Keenan, Chris Halbur, Mary Rothenmaier, Annie Loechler, Faith Murray, Cathy Burrow, applicants and members of the public.</li> </ul>	Meeting called at 8:30 AM by Roger Walsh.
	2. Welcome to Mike Wiggins, Jr.	New Lake Superior Representative	Mike did not attend the meeting, so this was postponed.
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of January 11, 2022	Motion by Jan Allman, seconded by Bruce Neeb to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
	3. Department Reports	Fund Condition (see attached budget)	<ul> <li>Bobbi Winebar presented the budget indicating that we had a total appropriation of \$2,900,000 plus \$612,175 of SEG carryover for a total balance of \$3,512,175 for SFY2022.</li> <li>No enumerations from legislature.</li> <li>Total funding commitments thus far: \$2,024,150.10.</li> <li>Total funds available this meeting: \$1,488,024.57 which consists of \$475,849 from the Inland Lakes pot and \$1,012,174.67 from the Great Lakes pot which were combined on April 1, 2022.</li> </ul>

4. Recreational Boating Project Review and Action	Projects and funding requests at this meeting: INLAND & GREAT LAKES	Project presentations: INLAND & GREAT LAKES
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	<ul> <li>Development/Renovation:</li> <li>1. Town of Fox Lake, Town Park ADA Kayak Launch, \$20,199</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>Town of Fox Lake Town Park ADA Kayak Launch: Presented by Ron French and Wayne Cook. Town would like to place an accessible kayak launch</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>Price County Forestry &amp; Parks, Solberg Lake Boat Landing, \$136,500</li> </ol>	in their Town Park. This would allow people of all abilities to access the lake. Existing amenities at the site include
	<ol> <li>Village of Milltown, Half Moon Lake Boat Ramp Replacement and Dock, \$80,393</li> </ol>	accessible fishing pier, 3 boat launch sites, 25 parking spaces, and 4 accessible parking spaces. Bruce Neeb
	<ol> <li>City of Sheboygan Falls, Accessible Canoe/Kayak Launch &amp; Boat Ramp Rehabilitation, \$82,500</li> </ol>	asked how far it will be from the kayak launch to the accessible restrooms. Applicant's response was about 20 ft.
	5. Village of Winneconne, Seawall and Parking Lot Rehabilitation and Expansion, \$250,000	<ol> <li>Price County Forestry &amp; Parks, Solberg Lake Boat Landing: Presented by Fred Framen Assistant Forestry Administrator</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>City of Chetek Recreational Boating Facility, \$58,463</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>Joe Grappa could not attend this meeting.</li> <li>Price County would like to replace the boat landing at Solberg Lake</li> </ul>
	<ol> <li>Town of Pleasant Springs Lake Kegonsa Boat Launch Parking Renovations, \$22,500</li> </ol>	with a longer ramp. Current ramp has heaved a lot due to winter conditions. Parking and access roads would also be
	<ol> <li>Town of Gordon, Gordon Lake Bathroom/Pavilion, \$27,500</li> </ol>	improved which will also improve the flow of boating traffic. Ramp would be ADA accessible. County has a budget
	<ol> <li>City of Fond du Lac, Lakeside West Boat Parking Renovation, \$20,000</li> </ol>	for maintenance of this boat ramp. Jan Allman asked if they have their permit. Applicant responded that, yes, they
	<ol> <li>Waupaca County Parks, Gill's Landing Accessible Canoe/Kayak Launch/Dock, \$23,500</li> </ol>	have their permit and they also have secured the matching funds through the county and through a federal SFR-Boat Access grant. That is why they are only
	11. City of Fountain City, Fountain City Upper Landing Transient Dock Upgrade, \$65,000; Deferred	asking for 38% cost share. Bruce Neeb asked how far the ramp extend into water. Applicant responded that the end of the ramp to ordinary high-water mark

ramp. Korin Doering asked how many stalls will there be in total? Applicant's response was that there isn't formal asphalt parking, there is grass parking which could accommodate 17 vehicle/trailers parked there. Bruce Neeb commended Polk County on their online land record system. Roger Walsh asked if there was any interest in establishing a launch fee. Applicant responded with no there isn't.
4. City of Sheboygan Falls, Accessible Canoe/Kayak Launch & Boat Ramp Rehabilitation: Presented by Mayor Randy Meyer and project manager Jake Jakobson. Currently the launch is made

<ul> <li>dock associated with the landing.</li> <li>Applicants responded that currently they do not have courtesy dock. Roger</li> <li>Walsh asked if there is any plan to include a launch fee? Applicant's response was that at this time they do not want to explore a launch fee. The maintenance of this launch would be added to the general park maintenance budget. Korin Doering asked him to describe what a concrete dry ramp is. Applicant responded that it is the area of the ramp that is not in the water.</li> <li>5. Village of Winneconne, Seawall and Parking Lot Rehabilitation and Expansion: Presented by Al Schafer.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Applicants responded that currently they do not have courtesy dock. Roger</li> <li>Walsh asked if there is any plan to include a launch fee? Applicant's response was that at this time they do not want to explore a launch fee. The maintenance of this launch would be added to the general park maintenance budget. Korin Doering asked him to describe what a concrete dry ramp is. Applicant responded that it is the area of the ramp that is not in the water.</li> <li>Village of Winneconne, Seawall and Parking Lot Rehabilitation and</li> </ul>	
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This project will rehabilitate the last section of the seawall and will also include rehabbing the parking lot and add parking spaces. They will also be installing a power wash station. Jan Allman asked if they have designated handicap parking? Applicant responded that yes, they do. Bruce Neeb asked if there will be 64 vehicular/trailer parking? Applicant responded that yes there are 64 vehicular/trailer parking stalls plus they will be adding single car parking stalls. Korin Doering asked if the town of Winneconne plans to place signage indicating that single vehicles would not be allowed to park in the vehicle/trailer parking? Applicant responded that they are considering this. Korin Doering asked about what the depth of the channel for mooring is. Applicant responded that he didn't know the exact depth but that is deep enough in the channel for boats to use it. Bruce Neeb asked about funding the power wash station. Bobbi Winebar stated that we have funded them in the past as part of a larger project.
6. City of Chetek Recreational Boating Facility: Presented by Tia McCarthy, consulting engineer: The current boat ramp is deteriorating and there is rebar sticking out of the deteriorated concrete ramp that is under the water and is damaging boats. The new ramp would extend farther into the lake than the current ramp. They are also planning on expanding the pavement leading into the ramp area to prevent erosion on the steep slopes. Korin Doering asked if there is a budget for maintenance of this

		launch? Applicant responded that the launch fee will be used to maintenance of this launch. Korin Doering also asked if there are there any plans to reduce the storm water runoff into the lake or to divert the runoff into a filtration location. Applicant responded that there is not enough land/room to divert the runoff to a filtration station.
	7.	Town of Pleasant Springs Lake Kegonsa Boat Launch Parking Renovations: Presented by Alex Mesdjian. The current parking area is currently all gravel except for the ADA parking stall. When heavy rains occur, there is significant runoff and gravel displaced all over the area. All winter long the gravel area turns to ice. The town is forced to place salt and sand on this area constantly through winter to prevent slipping. The project includes adding asphalt to the parking area where it is currently gravel. Roger Walsh asked if they have a money collection box. Applicant responded that yes, they do but about 3 years ago someone ripped the concrete box out of the ground and stole the money. They will have the box replaced with a heavy-duty box. Roger Walsh mentioned that the DNR does have a design plan for collection boxes and can get it from his regional project manager. Bruce Neeb asked where their runoff pond is located. Applicant responded that it is next to the boat launch sign.
	8.	Town of Gordon, Gordon Lake Bathroom/Pavilion: No rep from Gordon was present when this project came up

		for presentation but did join later on for questions at the end of them meeting. Annie Loechler spoke on behalf of the Town. The project includes construction of a new restroom facility and ADA accessible walkway to the boat launch
		and parking area. There will also be an open-air pavilion and kitchenette which are not part of the grant request. Jan Allman why they do not charge a fee at this launch? Applicant responded that this is a small community, and the community was not in favor of charging
		a fee. Jan Allman asked if the boat launch ADA accessible. Applicant responded that yes, they have an ADA accessible boarding dock. Roger Walsh asked if this will be one building that will house both the bathrooms and the pavilion. Applicant responded that yes,
		the building would be a bathroom, pavilion, and kitchenette. Bruce Neeb as to whether this should really be funded with RBF funding. Annie Loechler responded that they had applied for stewardship last year, but that they did not obtain enough points to qualify for stewardship funding. Annie Loechler stated that since they have an ADA boat launch that it is appropriate to have an ADA bathroom facility.
	9.	City of Fond du Lac, Lakeside West Boat Parking Renovation: Presented by John Redmond. The project includes repairing cracks and other damage to the asphalt parking lot. The launch goes into the Fond du Lac River which leads into Lake Winnebago. A few years ago, a grant was received to replace the launch which went well. Bruce Neeb

asked if their launch permits are up to date and if the launch is ADA compliant? Applicant responded with yes. Korin Doering stated that this launch is on the river and not actually on Lake Winnebago as they indicated on the application. Applicant stated that Korin is correct and that it is 200 yards away from lake Winnebago. It is a popular launch and provides a safe launching facility for boaters heading out onto Lake Winnebago.

10. Waupaca County Parks, Gill's Landing Accessible Canoe/Kavak Launch/Dock: Presented by John Francis. The project includes installing an accessible canoe/kayak launch because currently there isn't another put-in/take-out location for those using the Weyauwega launch on the Wolf River where a similar dock was installed a year or two ago. This dock allows for easy access in and out of the water. Gills Landing has 3 launches for boats and this new canoe/kayak launch would be placed north of those motorized boat launches to allow for a safer access away from the motorized boats. Restrooms are located close to this launch along with 3 ADA parking stalls. Questions: Bruce Neeb asked if they felt that their budget will be enough to complete the project. Applicant responded that they are planning to do as much of the work using their own staff as possible, so feel it should be sufficient. Jan Allman asked about the warranty on the dock. Applicant responded that the dock will be removed in winter so should last many years. Roger Walsh asked if there

ramp. Applicant parking area by first and then the will be located fi there is no way t 11. City of Fountain	ng for the kayak/canoe responded that the the boat launch fills up e area where this launch lls up last. Currently, to increase the parking. City, Fountain City Fransient Dock Upgrade,
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13. City of La Cross Landing Parking Presented by Ja the biggest and launch facility th parking area sur old. The project and resurfacing decent condition this parking is us Applicant respon	e, Veterans Freedom Lot Rehabilitation: mes Flottmeyer. This is most heavily used e city has, and the face is at least 30 years includes filling cracks to bring it back to b. Roger Walsh asked if sed for marina parking. nded that the nearby wn parking area. There

is a marina just to the south of the
launch, this lot is specific to the launch
ramp use only not for the marina.
14. Town of Union, Shoemaker Road Boat
Ramp Rehabilitation: Presented by Beth
Hanson, Town Clerk and Bruce Alberts,
Town Chair. Due to water and ice
shoves the concrete ramp has
deteriorated. The project includes
replacing the concrete slabs. Roger
Walsh asked about the parking situation.
Applicant responded that users could
park along the sides of the public road.
This launch is for canoe/kayak and small
boat launching. Bruce Neeb asked if
there is a boarding dock associated with
the launch. Applicant responded that
no, there isn't a boarding dock. The
water is very shallow and if there was a
dock there it would have to be removed
and stored during the winter. Water
levels change frequently at this location.
Bruce Neeb asked if an ADA boarding
dock is required. Bobbi Winebar
responded that there isn't a requirement
to have one but if there is going to be
one then it needs to be ADA accessible.
Korin Doering asked if there are any
concern that a low water year would
cause ice shoves on this ramp.
Applicant responded that the ramp
would be constructed in the water far
enough that the slabs would be at the
end of the launch causing any ice
shoves to slide right up the concrete.
15. Waterford Waterway Management
District (WWMD), Harvester and Trailer
Acquisition: Presented by Bill
McCormick, WWMD. The lake has two

which has the second
public boat ramps that service the water.
Trying to move away from the herbicide
treatments to be cautious of how much
herbicide is placed into the water. They
have contracted others to come in and
harvest weeds in the past. The channels
have been increased with permission
from the DNR and now there is an
additional 10-15 acres that need to be
maintained. They currently have an eco
harvester and this request is for a
regular harvester. Roger Walsh
commended them for moving away from
herbicides. Korin Doering asked about
whether the DNR allows for the use of
an eco harvester since it pulls plants
instead of cuts them. Applicant
responded that they were the first to
have an eco harvester in Southern
Wisconsin and that they provided a
demonstration to the DNR on the
waterway before they purchased their
previous eco harvester. This
demonstration showed that the
harvester breaks the weeds and does
not pull the weed root. Korin Doering
requested more information on eco
harvesters being approved by the DNR.
Applicant extended an invite to view the
eco harvester in action in early May.
Roger Walsh asked as to whether they
were not going to be using the eco
harvester anymore with the purchase of
a new harvester? Applicant responded
that a weed harvester would provide for
better cutting and would be primarily
used and the eco harvester would be
used in the shallow areas as this
harvester can get into these areas
better. Roger Walsh asked if there were
any shipping costs included in the total?

Applicant responded that they are also purchasing a trailer and will haul the harvester back themselves. Roger Walsh suggested that Mauston and Waterford should discuss the benefits of the eco harvester as the City of Mauston is looking to purchase an eco harvester. The eco harvester would be perfect for Mauston's location as it is a shallow lake.
<ul> <li>16. Blake Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, Harvester, Conveyor, Trailer and Other Equipment Acquisition: Presented by Sam Rivers Weber. They are looking to purchase an inland harvester with a trailer and the cost includes delivery. A little over 25 years ago, the lake became unnavigable. It reached a point where you could nearly walk across the lake on top of the weeds. A meeting was held with members of other lakes with similar issues. A decision was made to mechanically harvest the weeds. The lake was not ecologically available to the public. Chemically treating the lake would not be feasible for 88 acres of pond weed. In 2006 a harvester was purchased to begin work on removal of weeds on the lake. The harvesting has definitely improved the lake. Roger Walsh asked if they have any other harvester equipment. Applicant responded that their old harvester is no</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>17. City of Mauston, Harvester Acquisition:</li> <li>Presented by Randy Reeg, City</li> <li>Administrator Asking for funding to</li> <li>purchase an eco harvester for Lake</li> </ul>

Decorah which is a 300-acre lake located in City of Mauston. Looking to increase the navigability of the lake with the use of this harvester. The eco harvester was picked due to the shallow water depth of the lake. They will not have to pay shipping costs because they will pick up the harvester themselves. Bruce Neeb asked if the eco harvester creeps along the bottom. Applicant responded that no, it operates like on paddle wheels. Korin Doering asked if they have a budget for maintenance of the equipment. Applicant responded that ves, they do. He also provided links to YouTube Videos on the use of the eco harvester: https://youtu.be/mKqkBHvufDI https://voutu.be/Czo9l0J8K3U

18. City of Sturgeon Bay, Shore Conveyor Acquisition: Presented by Mike Barker: The heaviest areas are 1 to 1.3 miles away from where the current conveyor is located. A round trip to offload can take up to close to an hour. Looking to replace the oldest conveyor that would cost nearly as much to repair as it would be to purchase a new one. This would allow the new conveyor to be more centrally located to the heaviest area. Currently harvest 116 acres. Jan Allman asked how many conveyors they currently have. Applicant responded that they currently have two, but one has been out of service for three years. Jan Allman asked if they were able to continue to maintain the area for the past three years. Applicant responded that yes, but it was a great strain on time and workload having only the remaining

	conveyor to use. The weeds are taken to the city compost site.
	19. Clam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, Harvester and Trailer Acquisition: Presented by Rick Peterson and Jim Lang. Repairs to their 1993 harvester is getting too expensive and need to replace it. Their newest machine broke 6 cutters clearing areas covered with pond weed. Roger Walsh asked if their total includes shipping costs? Applicant responded that the quote sheet states that all shipping costs are at the hand of the buyer. Staff reminded attendees that shipping costs are an eligible expense. Korin Doering asked when was their plant management plan last updated? Applicant stated that it was updated in the Fall of 2021 and that the plan is good for 5 years. Bruce Neeb asked if the public launces are ADA accessible? Applicant responded that yes, there is one launch that is ADA accessible. Bruce Neeb asked why the number of parking spots at the launch facilities on the lake are below the minimum parking number and whether there are any private launches on the lake. Applicant responded that no, they are owned by the municipalities and that there is additional parking on the streets as well.
Finding of feasibility	Bruce Neeb motioned to find all projects feasible. Jan Allman seconded. Discussion: None Motion carried unanimously.
Project placement on priority list	Jan Allman motioned to approve the project placement on the priority list. Bruce

	Neeb seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
Recommendation for project funding	<ul> <li>Jan Allman made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>1. Town of Fox Lake Town Park ADA Kayak Launch for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$20,199, Bruce Neeb seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Bruce Neeb made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>Price County Forestry &amp; Parks, Solberg Lake Boat Landing for 38% of total project costs, not to exceed \$136,500, Jan Allman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Jan Allman made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>3. Village of Milltown, Half Moon Lake Boat Ramp Replacement and Dock for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$80,393, Bruce Neeb seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Korin Doering made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>4. City of Sheboygan Falls, Accessible Canoe/Kayak Launch &amp; Boat Ramp Rehabilitation for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$82,500, Bruce Neeb seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Bruce Neeb made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>5. Village of Winneconne, Seawall and Parking Lot Rehabilitation and Expansion for 47% of total project costs,</li> </ul>

	not to exceed \$250,000, Jan Allman seconded. Discussion: Will this need to go to joint finance? No, it would need to be over \$250,000. Motion carried unanimously.
	<ul> <li>Jan Allman made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>6. City of Chetek Recreational Boating Facility for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$58,463, Korin Doering seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Korin Doering made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>7. Town of Pleasant Springs Lake Kegonsa Boat Launch Parking Renovations for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$22,500, Jan Allman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Bruce Neeb made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>8. Town of Gordon, Gordon Lake Bathroom/Pavilion for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$27,500, Korin Doering seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Jan Allman made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>9. City of Fond du Lac, Lakeside West Boat Parking Renovation for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$20,000, Korin Doering seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Korin Doering made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>10. Waupaca County Parks, Gill's Landing Accessible Canoe/Kayak Launch/Dock for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$23,500, Bruce Neeb seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Bruce Neeb made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>11. City of La Crosse, Municipal Harbor Landing Parking Lot Rehabilitation 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$8,687, Jan Allman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Jan Allman made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>12. City of La Crosse, Veterans Freedom Landing Parking Lot Rehabilitation 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$21,735, Bruce Neeb seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> <li>Korin Doering made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>13. Town of Union, Shoemaker Road Boat Ramp Rehabilitation 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$14,639, Bruce Neeb seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Bruce Neeb made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>14. Waterford Waterway Management District, Harvester and Trailer Acquisition 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$148,350, Jan Allman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>

<ul> <li>Jan Allman made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>15. Blake Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, Harvester, Conveyor, Trailer and Other Equipment Acquisition 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$75,668, Bruce Neeb seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> <li>Bruce Neeb made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>16. City of Mauston, Harvester Acquisition 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$51,087, Jan Allman seconded. Discussion: Korin Doering stated that she has hesitation on approval regarding ecosystem damage caused by eco harvesters. She also asked about s if the DNR is permitting the eco harvester? Gina Keenan confirmed that the eco harvester is Permited and that DNR Biologist, Scott Provost has worked with the applicant and approved the harvesting plan and technology. Ann Loechler provided a copy of the Aquatic Plant Management Mechanical Harvesting Guidance for use and permitting of Eco Harvesters that has been published by the DNR. Motion</li> </ul>
carried unanimously. Jan Allman made a motion to approve a grant for: 17. City of Sturgeon Bay, Shore Conveyor Acquisition 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$28,575, Bruce Neeb seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Korin Doering made a motion to approve a grant for:

	Clam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, Harvester and Trailer Acquisition 50% of total amended project costs of \$189,228 not to exceed \$94,614, Bruce Neeb seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Comments	Public comments included thanks from applicants. Bobbi Winebar indicated new applications on public website. Hopeful that new applications will be more user friendly for all applicants.
7. Next Meetings/Locations	August 9, 2022/TBD
8. Adjournment	Motion by Bruce Neeb to adjourn at 11:20 AM, seconded by Jan Allman. Motion carried unanimously.